

FIRE CHIEF MITCHELL SUSPENDED FOR JAG

Public Safety Committee Takes Action Following "Biddy's" Speech.

WAS LOCKED UP FOR A TIME

John Haddock is Acting Fire Chief and Committee Will Sit Tomorrow Night as a Court of Inquiry—Bureau Took Chief at Word.

The Chief J. W. Mitchell was suspended last evening by the Public Safety Committee following his belief in incarceration in the borough lockup with the editor of the *Examiner*. Mitchell was placed in the lockup at his own request, came to his senses some 20 minutes later and was released to go home.

Tomorrow night the Public Safety Committee will sit as a court of inquiry to settle Mitchell's case. In the meantime John Haddock is acting as chief of the firemen and "Buddy" Morley is in charge of the police.

Mitchell's fall from grace has been the talk of the town for the past few days. The fire chief, it is declared, had been drinking for some days past and was in a state of intoxication. For a time the borough officials were blind to the chief's shortcomings, but when Mitchell went so far as to request his own arrest, the Public Safety Committee decided it was time to act. It did last night.

Mitchell's career of inebriety came to a climax yesterday afternoon when he appeared at the public building and called Burgess Evans by telephone. Mitchell suggested he better be locked up before he broke all the glass in the building. Burgess Evans took him at his word and had Officer P. M. Hall place the chief in the lockup. Mitchell was locked up for about 20 minutes when he came to his senses and asked to be released. Officer James Francis let him out and Mitchell went home.

For the past several weeks there have been reports about town that Mitchell was scheduled to lose his job as fire chief. Nothing developed at one or two Council meetings when his discharge was discussed. The rumors said, one reason assigned was a rumormongering in the council. Mitchell had with him a letter from the Public Safety Committee during the last night. The letter told Mitchell that his discharge was being considered and the two had some words, but Mitchell denied that he had any.

Since the latest episode of the fire chief it is not at all probable that a successor will be named permanently.

HEALTH OFFICER HYATT GOES AFTER MILK MEN

He Says Those Who Try to Live Up to the Law Should Be Encouraged.

Health Officer Allen Hyatt this morning gave out a report in which he severely criticized the milkmen of this section for not giving proper attention to the sanitary condition of their dairies. He reports that in making a number of milk tests the samples have not been entirely satisfactory, which is one of the most rigid requirements.

Hyatt declares that despite the rather severe methods pursued by the State representative in this section, just summer, some of the milkmen are getting back to their old habits. He gives notice of enforcing proceedings against those who persist in violating the sanitary regulations.

The suggestion is made that the milkmen who have gone to the expense of making the improvements which enable them to furnish pure and clean milk should be encouraged by receiving the bulk of patronage.

Milkmen of Gettysburg, who supplied a liberal portion of the milk to town with dairy products yesterday submitted to Health Officer Allen Hyatt samples of milk secured by him from different dairies for milk tests. The amount of butter fat in each sample was ascertained. Thirteen milk samples were submitted and one of cream. All were found to be above the requirement by law 31 per cent.

There has been a great deal of complaint in Gettysburg over the quality of milk being distributed. The per cent of butter fat in the cream sample was 18 per cent and the highest, in the milk was 4.2-10, the lowest being 3.1-10.

PAYING TAXES

But commitments will be issued against those who fail.

This is report day at the Tax Collectors office. Despite the rush of the few days prior to February 1, caused largely by the fact that Tax Collector Norton had threatened to make out commitments, those paying have fallen short of the required number.

Tax Collector Norton said this morning that after the rush of business that followed the threat, he would immediately proceed to issue commitments against those failing to pay and turn them over to the constables.

Verdict for Plaintiff.

The jury returned a verdict of \$5,100 for the South Fayette Coal Company against the Monacauchie railroad. Both sides appeared from the viewers award of \$4,500.

Open Churches That Footlight Stars May Give Free Concerts to the Poor

United Press Telegram.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—To open all the churches of New York to the footlight stars of Broadway, with free concerts for the poor, is the object of a movement begun today by Rev. Madison C. Peters, with the cooperation of the Professional Women's League, composed of actresses, singers, musicians and artists, of which Miss Anna Bingham, the actress, is president.

That the \$200,000,000 worth of church property, which is exempt from taxation in New York, is not rendering a public service for six days in the week, and should be thrown open to the poor for these free concerts, is the assertion of Dr. Peters.

"It is the preacher who exorcises the saloons," said Dr. Peters today, "where else is a man in New York, without money to spend his evening in, but the preacher who will not against the saloons who must help us by opening their churches. The stage people are enthusiastic over the plan and volunteers to furnish the best artists for the concerts, weekly, in all the New York churches. I hope the movement will be taken up all over the country."

The first of the concerts will be given this evening at the English church.

SHIPMENT OF LETTER BOXES DELAYED AT THE FACTORY

When Manufacturers Catch Up With Contracts, New Ones Will Be Placed.

The Postoffice Department has made a requisition for letter boxes and orders to give boxes to the Postoffice Department have been approved. The contract for the boxes this year has, however, been placed in the hands of a new company, following the expiration of the contract held by the old contractor. The new company has not been able to catch up with the work, consequently the Postoffice Department is anxious to have the old boxes replaced and has written several times to the Postoffice Department concerning it.

The old boxes were rendered useless by rusting and breaking off. Several new boxes will be placed with the assignment for Connellsville. After the requisition last July the Legislative instructed the postoffice to place boxes at all railroad stations. Several street corners will have new boxes placed there.

STEEL CORPORATION FILES ITS ANSWER

Denies Being a Monopoly as Charged by the Government

Individual Defendants Likewise Make Reply to the Allegations While John D. Rockefeller Denies He Has Been Interested Since 1901.

Special to The Courier.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 1.—Absolute denial of the alleged violations of the anti-trust law is made by the United States Steel Corporation, its subsidiaries and directors in their answers, which will be filed today in the United States District Court here, to the Government's dissolution suit. Five separate answers will be filed among 25 defendants.

The chief of its organization, the corporation declares, has been to cheapen production, effect economies and increase foreign trade from \$8,000,000 to \$50,000,000 within a period of 10 years. So long has the Government acquiesced in its existence, the answer says, that it is now too late, as a matter of equity, to insist that its organization be dissolved.

"Nothing was withheld from Mr. Roosevelt by Messrs. Gary and Frick on November 1, 1907, the answer says, when they sought to bring about the corporation's proposed purchase of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company; nor were the so-called Gary drawings a productive of agreements to regulate prices.

The answers are those of the Steel Corporation, Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., John P. Morgan, Jr., and Edmond C. Converse. The Rockefeller family deny they had an active part in the formation or management of the corporation. The older Rockefeller declaring that he has had no immediate relation to the iron or steel industry since 1901.

Each of the defendants prates that the suit be dismissed.

The answer is made in the name of the United States Steel Corporation and its various subsidiary companies, including the following: J. Edgar Thomson, Charles F. Brannan, Charles M. Schwab, Charles E. Condit, Henry C. Frick, James G. Thompson, William L. Duffell, James H. Duffell, Percival Forester, Jr., Daniel C. Todd, Norman D. Brown, George W. Perkins and Peter A. B. Widener.

"Continuing the answer recites that the United States Steel Corporation, in its various subsidiaries, is a combination in restraint of trade or a monopoly.

Portland Million Hotel.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 1.—Portland's new million-dollar hotel, the Multnomah, was opened to the public today. It is declared to be the finest hotel in the Northwest. Among the 500 employees is a celebrated French chef whom the management imported to look after the culinary department of the hotel at a yearly salary of \$10,000.

Country Life Conference.

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 1.—The second Wisconsin country life conference under the auspices of the college of agriculture of the University of Wisconsin began its sessions today and will continue over tomorrow. A number of prominent speakers appear on the program.

No Date For Contest.

As yet the date for the annual literary contest of the Pikesburg and Lehigh Valley Literary Societies of the Danbury township High School has not been set. It will likely be held some time in March.

Struth to Sit Up.

A. A. Struth, who was operated upon recently to remove the tumor at the Mercy hospital in Pittsburg, Pa., will sit up today. Dr. J. H. Millard visited him all yesterday morning.

Library Trustees to Meet.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Connellsville Free Library will be held at the library building tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.



Unsettled, with snow tonight or Friday, is the noon weather forecast.

The Temperature Record.

Weather	1911	1912
Jan. 1, 5 A. M.	Snow	27
Jan. 2, 5 P. M.	Clear	22
Feb. 1, 5 A. M.	Clear	31

March weather continues. The weather was remarkably clear this morning but following a slight downward movement in temperature, slight chances of snow fall. The mercury has been jumping up and down over night but is averaging about 24 degrees. The wind has been blowing from the north adding danger to life and limb in some places.

The deer register 232 this morning, having fallen from 255 according to last night's report. The gauge was adjusted yesterday and found to be two points off.

HUSBAND DENIES HE MARRIED FOR MONEY

Charles L. Spencer Files Answer to Wife's Suit in Somerset.

SAYS IT'S HEALTHY ON COAST

But Wife Refuses to Join Him in Los Angeles—Spencer Says His Wife, Whom He Wants to Divorce, Collected His Money.

SOMERSET, Pa., Feb. 1.—Charles L. Spencer has filed an answer to the bill in equity put on record here some time ago by his wife, Mrs. Ellen Spencer of South Level. Mrs. Spencer alleges that her husband married her only to get her money. Spencer has denied this. In his answer he says his wife on several occasions has refused to join him there. He lives in Los Angeles, he contends, because he finds it more profitable and healthful. Spencer has stated proceedings in securing a divorce since his wife has had him jailed in a court of equity. He alleges that she collected between \$2,500 and \$5,000 between 1905 and 1906 to hand it over. Spencer denies that he bought a house and lot in South Level with his wife's money, and that he ever had her \$250 in cash. He says that he gave Mrs. Hoffman, mother of his wife, a note for \$75 in 1906, he claims the note was not to her interest and that he does not know where it is. Spencer says that he took the note with him when he migrated to the Pacific coast.

Indiana Democratic Editors.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 1.—The editors of the newspapers of the Democratic party in the Hoosier State in a denouncing and fighting condition boarded up at the Danbury hotel in this city today for the annual meeting of the Indiana Democratic Editorial Association.

Substantial Gift to Native Town.

PELHAMS, Vt., Feb. 1.—Pelham's handsome new town hall, built and furnished by Wallace Tibbitts of Boston, was dedicated today with interesting exercises. Mr. Robinson made the gift as a memorial to his father and as a token of his affection for his native town.

Patience Refused.

The Connellsville are having plans drawn for a tuberculosis sanatorium on the County Home grounds. A mortgage is also to be constructed to take the place of the one now in use.

Were That Sniff.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 1.—President Taft passed through this city on his way to Washington about 6 o'clock this morning. He seemed pleased with the reception he received in Ohio.

Carr Dies in West.

William B. Carr, brother of John D. Carr of Uniontown, died in Nebraska. He was for many years a member of the Allegheny county bar.

Open Grave Fatal.

Annie Speer, aged 45, of Connettsville, probably fatally burned her face when her dress caught fire from an open grate.

Widow of Watchman Who Lost Life in Equitable Fire Pleads for His Body

United Press Telegram.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—"They ought to get me my husband's body," said Mrs. Frank J. Neider, widow of the watchman who lost his life in the Equitable fire after another ineffectual visit to the ruined structure.

After she had the fire Mrs. Neider, who while the fire raged was in the ruins and has appealed to the contractors and workers to search for her husband's body but they have been too busy unroofing the vaults in which the bodies were buried to heed her frantic appeals. It was considered certain today the body would not be recovered until all the structure was demolished, as it is believed to be buried in the cellar.

About a week and a half ago Mrs. Neider's mind gave way under the strain and she was insane with worry for a time. Her daughter Anat, sole support of the family, had to give up her work to care for her mother.

"Frank's mother is very old, in Germany," continued Mrs. Neider, who has slightly recovered from her mental lapse. "We have been caring for her for years and we will do so until she dies."

JANUARY MERCURY AVERAGED 24.3

First Month of 1912 Much Colder Than Same Period of 1911.

THE COLDEST WAS 13 BELOW

Against 18 Above as the Coldest Mark a Year Ago—Highest Temperature Caught at West Penn Was 52 Degrees Above on the Eighteenth.

The temperature records for the month of January were given out this morning at the West Penn office. Compared with the month of January in 1911, this year has made a cold start. The mean temperature for this year is given as 24.3, the year previous being 29.4. The record for coldness was brought down considerably last month by the cold snap about the middle of the month. That 12 below, the official figure, had a great deal to do with the shrinkage in the average temperature.

The coldest day was on January 12 when the mercury dropped to 13 below, that point being reached on the fourth of the month.

The warmest day during the past month was January 15 when the thermometer registered 52. The day in January, 1911, topped this figure by 5 degrees, reaching 57 on the fourteenth. The warmest day in January, 1911, was on the Saturday following the McClellan fire.

MOTHER DEAD; DAUGHTER ILL; SON IS JUST CONVALESCING

Misfortune Lays Heavy Hand on the Duffin Family of the West Side.

Typical pneumonia, which has been prevalent in the Duffin family on North sixth street, West Side, for the past several weeks, this morning at 12:15 o'clock resulted in the death of the mother, Mrs. Rose Ann Duffin, aged 35 years, 11 months and 10 days. A daughter, Nellie, aged about 22 years, is critically ill of the same disease, and a son, George, aged 14, is recovering. The daughter was not told of her mother's death until a short time before noon today. No arrangements have been made for Mrs. Duffin's funeral.

Detained was born in England and was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Duffin, who died about 12 years ago. She had resided in the West Side for some time past and was widely and favorably known. The following children survive: Mrs. Thomas Keenan, Connellsville; Margaret, Nellie, George, Carrie and Henry, all at home.

STEEL EARNINGS SLUMPED \$6,400,000 DURING QUARTER

But Regular Dividends Are Declared on Both Common and Preferred Stock.

The report of the United States Steel Corporation for the quarter ending December 31, 1911, shows a decrease of \$6,400,000 over the quarter which ended September 30. The earnings for the quarter were \$23,102,100, or \$23,522,775 for the period ending in September. Despite this fact the usual dividend of 14 on preferred and 24 on common was declared.

There was a surplus on December 31, after paying all charges and dividends of \$59,628, against \$2,745,494 for the quarter ending September 30.

BUTTER DROPS.

Butter has been down to 43 cents in Markets Here.

Butter has dropped to a new low since the first of the week when it was quoted at 45 cents by the Elgin board. The prices now asked by the local retailers is in the neighborhood of 43 cents. It is expected that the price will waver up and down within the next few days, but it is not expected to go much lower.

Country butter has subsequently taken another fall in price. It is quoted at from 35 to 38 cents.

SEEMS HIS BUSINESS.

J. V. Slaughter Purchases Hardware Store of C. L. Work.

Charles L. Work has disposed of his hardware store on the corner of Main and South Fourth streets, West Side, to J. V. Slaughter, a well known West Side resident. The deal was closed on last Tuesday and Mr. Slaughter is now in charge.

Mr. Work has been in the hardware business in the West Side for the past five years and had built up quite a nice trade.

Stuck at Dixon Home.

Word has been received here of the arrival of a pretty baby girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Dixon at Everedale. The stark paid his visit on last Tuesday. Mrs. Dixon, before her marriage, was Miss Corolla Madigan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Madigan. Mr. Dixon is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon of town. Mr. and Mrs. Dixon are now the proud parents of two girls and a boy.

Donahue-Woolworth Wedding.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Miss Jessie May Woolworth, daughter of Frank W. Woolworth, who has made millions out of his 5-and-10-cent stores and is adding to his fame by creating in this city the tallest building in the world, this afternoon, became the bride of James Paul Donahue, son of Patrick Donahue of this city.

Pennsylvania Engine Kills Two.

LATROBE, Pa., Feb. 1.—Frank Palmer, aged 52 years, section foreman, was instantly killed and a fatal injury sustained by a Pennsylvania engine on before her marriage, was Miss Corolla Madigan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Madigan. Mr. Dixon is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon of town. Mr. and Mrs. Dixon are now the proud parents of two girls and a boy.

THREE CASES REPORTED.

Scarlet Fever, Whooping Cough and Mumps Claim Victims.

Three new cases of communicable diseases have been reported to the board of health, whooping cough, scarlet fever and mumps.

Emma Mergel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mergel of 1097 Main street, has the scarlet fever. Fred Strawn, aged 15, of 244 East Main street, is down with the mumps and Florence Gross of 7 Edna street has the whooping cough.

Pay Day at Courthouse.

Today is the first pay day at the county office since the county officers went on a salary basis instead of the fee system. Some of the officials get theirs today and others will wait until February 5. After April 1 the ghost will walk for all on the same day.

Steel Common Dropped.

Steel common dropped four points on the market yesterday. It went down from 63 1/2 to 59 1/2.

RAILROAD MAGNATE CALLED BY DEATH

Edwin Hawley, Head of the C. & O., Victim of Overwork.

ADVOCATED ONE-MAN POWER

Was Controlling Factor in Many Systems and Was Working on a Transcontinental Line When Stricken—Death Unexpected.

United Press Telegram.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Edwin Hawley, the railroad magnate, died here today. He has been indisposed for a long time, but was recently reported to be recovering.

Hawley was the victim of overwork. He had been recently warned by his physicians that his strict attention to business was telling on him and that his constitution was being weakened so that he could not stand the strain. He always insisted that he would take a long rest as soon as he had realized his dream of a transcontinental railroad; but he, like other American railroad lings, died with his plans still in contemplation.

The announcement of his death had a disturbing effect on all of the stocks of the railroads in which he was known to be interested. All of them showed losses after the information of the Hawley death reached the Exchange.

He died at 1 o'clock this morning at his home in East Sixtieth street. He was taken with a severe attack of pneumonia a few weeks ago, but was supposed to be recovering. Early today, however, he was attacked with pains in the region of his heart and before the doctors could do anything to relieve him, he died. The direct cause of his death was heart disease.

The dead magnate was the strongest advocate of the one-man power in American railroads in this country. He insisted that this was the only way that railroads could be run. It was this devotion to business that undermined his health, as he refused at all times to make the needed rest the doctors demanded.

He was born in Chatham, N. Y., in 1860, and began work at 16 years of age as a messenger for the Erie railroad. He rose to the position of chief clerk in his way up until he became associated with Collis P. Huntington, then the big man in the western railroad field. After Huntington's death, and when E. H. Harriman got control of the Southern Pacific, he was afraid of Hawley and would not take him into his confidence. Later, when Hawley tried to be made a partner with Harriman, Harriman turned him down in favor of James Stillman. Hawley declared war and severed his relations with all of the Harriman roads. He bought up all the Alton stock he could get and through an alliance with the Rock Island management, got the Alton away from Harriman. This was the only big railroad defeat Harriman ever sustained during his career.

Hawley continued to develop until he finally secured control of the Milwaukee & St. Paul, the Iowa Central, the Chesapeake & Ohio, the Chicago & Alton and the Toledo, St. Louis & Western, with a total of 4,870 miles. Closely linked with the Hawley roads are the Rocking Valley, the Toledo & Ohio Central, the Atlantic Coast Line and the Louisville & Nashville, and Hawley had been working for the last few years on a transcontinental railroad, the ambition of E. H. Harriman's death prevented that manager from carrying out.

CALLED FIRE DEPARTMENT WHEN FURNACE GOT TOO HOT

Youngsters of Frank Robinson Became Frightened at Excess

"It's awful hot out here. I wish you would come out and see what's the matter."

Thus piped a small voice to the fire department last night about 10 o'clock from the home of Frank Robinson, left their furnace blazing freely when they left home and an hour later the apparatus was red hot. The heat became intense and the children, badly frightened, telephoned the fire department.

A quick run was made by the wagon from the furnace fire had done no damage. Robinson, a railroad, the house is a double one on Race street owned by Mrs. Donahoe.

The News of Nearby Towns.

Dunbar.

DUNBAR, Feb. 1.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Herbert were the guests of friends in Connelville.

Read the first installment of new Serial Story, "Freckles," in this issue.

Miss Bertha Paulk, who has been visiting friends in Uniontown, has returned home.

Charles O'Neil of Evanson, was here on Tuesday calling on old friends.

"Alma, Where Do You Live?" Joe Wobber's big musical success comes to the Soloson Theatre Monday, February 5. Seat sale opens today.

A most pleasant surprise came on Sunday evening before services at the Methodist Episcopal church when the pastor, Rev. W. W. Lefrage, was presented with a purse.

Ever since Rev. Lefrage came here from the full conference in October, he and his family have been very afflicted.

When he moved his family here from Morgantown one of the children was possessed with pneumonia and as the family had had sickness since they first came here, "The Ladies" had planned a reception for them but it never could be carried out as the last one was planned three weeks ago.

Mr. Lefrage took seriously ill and for the past few days had been slowly improving. When Rev. Lefrage arrived at the church for the regular services on Sunday evening he was informed that several members of his official board would like to speak to him.

He entered the sounding school room and was presented by Messrs. Duell, Farr, R. J. McGee and D. C. Benson and they expressed their regret that no public reception could be held for them and that there had been so much sickness in the family for so long that the members desired to show them some devotion and care.

No one seemed to sympathize with the few thousand widows and orphans of the men murdered while faithfully trying to earn a living under God's permission but against the "orders" of the "Labor Trust." So I tried to present their cause from time to time.

The healthy average common citizen is, perhaps, deserving of at least some of the inconvenience and loss put on him from strikes and other labor leaders' tyranny as a reward for his indifference.

I know years ago that the plan of this big labor trust was to ultimately gain control over every workman, clerk and employee in the U. S., including farm hands and government employees.

This has been partly accomplished in some localities; then followed acts which clearly show the intent.

First, to harvest inflation fees, sometimes up to \$100.00 each to "join the union."

Next, monthly dues. \$25.00 a month in a town with 10,000 "members" at 25 cents each.

Next, "fines" assessed for some infraction of "rules."

Then the lash of the slave driver came forth. Orders to strike what to buy, what not to buy, how to vote, when to parade (to show power); and to contribute from the hard-earned pay envelope for strike benefits to other men forced into idleness pending negotiations between crooked leaders (?) and crooked employers who hire said leaders to call strikes on competitive jobs, thus making the workmen tools, kept idle while the chiefs scarp for control or bribe money.

One of the hardest strokes of the lash is the money forced from members to defend dynamite, slugs and murderers when caught.

But let an honest workman, who, perchance, has been driven into "the union," dare to disobey one of these "orders" and he is taught a lesson through the slugging or dynamiting committees.

The slavery of the honest American workman is pitiable when "closed shop" full control is obtained by the tyrannical leaders.

Now, observe the plan of this gang to govern men and affairs.

"Organize" every trade. Insist on closed shop. Then use the power of numbers to induce government officials to permit organizing all government employees. Some of the oaths defining that the union rules shall "precede Church, State and Family."

Then force Congressmen to pass anti-union laws to prevent courts from stopping proposed outrages.

Force merchants to hire only "union" clerks and sell only "label" goods (use union funds to support slugging and dynamiting crews to drive back the protesting ones or "remove" them).

Of course, in carrying out the plan for complete control by the gang, some were caught.

Whenever openly exposed the men "higher up" immediately begin to assess members to protect the criminals and always rush into print with loud cries and much weak sentiment about "the brotherhood of man" and "the defense of the wage worker" with such play upon the sympathy of the people they cover their own greed for fees and insane desire to read their names in the papers.

It would be hard to convince the widows of the twenty-one murdered men in the Los Angeles tragedy, and hundreds of others that their husbands received much benefit from "the defense of the wage worker," nor could they well understand such working of that particular brand of the "brotherhood of man" scheme.

Late events have stripped the lamb's coat from the body of the wolf and shown most clearly the lying deceit and horrible portent underneath, which I have tried time and again to explain to the public.

Men who preferred to work and support their families have been waylaid, fingers chopped off, with the comforting assurance that "now you can set type if you will." Crow bars and heavy weights dropped on heads. Fathers beaten unconscious and many times crippled for life, little homes blown up and many and many a corpse brought to the desolate family.

These are not "occasional cases." Such crimes run literally into the thousands, and judges and juries have been threatened with death, bribe, and witnesses slugged or put out of the way.

In the Government cases now pending the witnesses must be guarded from the agents of the "Labor Trust" with its tentacles reaching to the most remote corners of our country.

Don't permit yourself to be misled by the vapors of sentimental, drooling degenerates who assert that these murders are justified because "society" has oppressed workmen.

In no other country in the world are they paid as high, and as much earnest effort devoted to their welfare. Nor is there as abundant opportunity in any other country in the world for workmen to gain fortunes.

Our great railroads and industries are largely headed by former wage earners.

Confluence.

CONFLUENCE, Feb. 1.—Mrs. Harriet Hanson went to Cumberland yesterday where she will spend a few days with her niece, Mrs. Howard Sumner.

Read the first installment of new Serial Story, "Freckles," in this issue.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brougher and two children returned to their home at Johnstown, after having spent several weeks with Mrs. Brougher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Colborn near town.

Miss Eva Dumbolt of Indian Head, returned home, after having spent several weeks the guest of Mrs. Russell Debolt of Oden street.

Mrs. Wm. Leekony and son of Connelville, were the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reum for the past week.

Miss Hazel Newcomer was the guest of relatives and friends in Connelville, the first part of the week.

George McDonald has been on the sick list for several days.

Henry Plamang of Johnson's Chapel, was a business caller in town yesterday.

Charles Neighbour, has been spending the week with his family on Oden street.

Levin Burroughs of Twp Run, was in town on business Wednesday.

Russell Sillmough of Rockwood, was a business caller in town yesterday.

Dr. W. S. Mountain, who has been confined to his home for several weeks on account of illness, is improving.

Kimbel Parnell went to Twp Run yesterday, where he will spend several days with friends.

John R. Burroughs of near Somerset, was in town on business Wednesday.

Miss Emma Masters is spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Masters.

Patronize those who advertise in this paper.

Think it over and you will see in part what the tyranny would be if they were permitted to completely carry out their plans.

Now that the facts are known the people can protect themselves by refusing to do any act that would add power to this aggregation.

Remember, any act.

When their grip on the throat of honest labor is broken, working men can either select better leaders, or join some of the law-abiding trade organizations.

I was not driven to write this series of articles by reason of disagreements with my own thousand workmen. No troubles have arisen between us.

They have had fifty-two weeks a year steady work for many years are a contented, high-grade class receiving the best wages in Michigan for like service, and protected from the frequent onslaughts of these "Labor Leaders" (?).

Mr. Gompers has repeatedly announced in public that I sought to destroy all organizations of labor.

This is in line with his regular habit of distorting facts. I have for a long time been a member of the National Association of Stationary Engineers and the National Trades and Workers Association. These are non-strike and peaceful organizations which negotiate their trade agreements legally, with peace and honor.

I have given to the Trades and Workers Association a \$100,000.00 home for their old members in furtherance of an honest desire to help solve this most important industrial question.

In addition, I have offered to contribute a quarter of a million dollars cash to help along a workman's movement, as defined in a letter sent Mr. Gompers Dec. 11th, 1911. Copy herewith.

December 11th, 1911.

Mr. Samuel Gompers, Pres., American Federation of Labor, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:—

Press reports indicate that you are greatly depressed and harassed by fear and the disrepute brought on your Federation.

The query has arisen whether you are big enough to sense the movement of a great Power which guides humanity, and to conclude that the time has arrived when "the labor" should be honestly represented instead of misrepresented.

If the thought of truthful and earnest effort has come, and you honestly desire better conditions for the wage earners, may I tender to you an invitation to come out to Battle Creek for a conference with the President of the Trades and Workers Association, Mr. J. W. Dryden?

If you will permit it, your expenses will be paid from the time you leave Washington until you return.

You will be put up at the Sanatorium for a week or ten days' rest and freedom from worry, as a guest, either of the Association or of myself as you prefer.

When invited, let us consider the new movement for the "workmen of America," enlisted under the banner of the National Trades and Workers Association, free from strikes, slugging, picketing, tyranny, fines, dynamiting and murder.

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The query has arisen whether you are big enough to sense the movement of a great Power which guides humanity, and to conclude that the time has arrived when "the labor" should be honestly represented instead of misrepresented.

If the thought of truthful and earnest effort has come, and you honestly desire better conditions for the wage earners, may I tender to you an invitation to come out to Battle Creek for a conference with the President of the Trades and Workers Association, Mr. J. W. Dryden?

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There is an increasing variety in garments made exclusively for indoor wear. Hand embroidery and ribbon flowers are among the favorite ornaments.

Here is a simple empire gown of lavender silk which has a line linen collar in Quaker style. The edges of the collar are bound with the material and embroidered with linen thread.

The closing is made with enameled pins, and a pink ribbon rose, with long ends, ornaments the lower collar.

Somerset Court Records.

SOMERSET, Feb. 1.—Clerk of Orphans' Court Bert F. Landis has recently issued marriage licenses to the following parties:

Ralph Romburg of Black township, and Marjorie Pritts, of Garrett, Pa.; George W. Wasi, and Anna G. G

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THURSDAY EVENING, FEB. 1, 1912.

STEELE CORPORATION'S ANSWER.

It is evident from the answer of the United States Steel Corporation and others that the Trust Trusters will find this particular corporate act a hard one to track.

The charges that the Steel Corporation is "a combination in restraint of trade," and that it was organized for the purpose of monopoly, are denied in terms exceeding and positive.

On the contrary, the answer avers that it has been the declared and persistent policy of the Steel Corporation:

"To encourage rather than restrain the almost free competition of the commonwealth in restraint of trade."

From acts of oppression or injustice to the competitors of said corporation, it abstains from any action which might be construed as an attempt to exclude them from their fair share of interstate or foreign commerce, and to take any action intended or calculated to prevent the growth of other and further competition, and that such action has been well known throughout the industry and to the public generally and to the Government since the organization of the Steel Corporation.

This statement is borne out by the facts: It is one which can and doubtless will be established by the many thousands of witnesses involved, not from Steel Corporation circles, but from THE RANKS OF THOSE COMPETITORS WHOSE BUSINESS IT IS ALLOWED THE STEEL CORPORATION HAS SUGHT TO WIN BY MONOPOLISTIC METHODS.

The Steel Corporation also raises another question, which may prove rather embarrassing to the Government. In its answer the defendant submits:

"That after acquiring in the consolidation of the Steel Corporation for so long a time and after rights of an ancient character have grown up thereunder, it is now too late for the Government to insist in a court of equity that such consolidation was in itself without regard to its effect practices an illegal act."

The policy of the United States Steel Corporation has been as broad as the United States; its management has been just and liberal to its employees and its competitors; its aim has been to produce cheaply, not at the expense of others, but through the economies of consolidation and rationalization; it has succeeded through wise leadership and efficient management; it has been a factor for national progress and general prosperity.

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Promoting Costs not Justice.

There are two legal procedures, originally devised for the purpose of relieving courts from the burden of litigation and enabling clients to get quick determination of their differences, which have through a long series of years been dismal failures.

Instead of curtailing litigation their effect has been to prolong it and to pile costs and attorneys fees upon the client.

One of these is the practice of asking for the appointment of viewers in damage cases and the other the compulsory arbitration of cases out of court. If these proceedings were final, there would be a decent excuse for employing them, but they are not conclusive. They are subject to appeal and in ninety-nine cases out of one hundred the appeal is taken by one side or the other and sometimes by both sides. There is room for suspicion that these proceedings were invented by some legal minds with a view to keeping the legal profession busy.

If the law provided that such actions might be taken only on agreement of both parties to the suit, and if the verdict after such agreement should be without appeal, the prompt and economical administration of justice might be promoted. As the law now stands nothing is promoted but the costs of litigation.

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The Crane Bank Receivership Bill.

While the Democrats of the House are building their political campaign, Congressman Crane is busy trying to blow the breath of life into what he terms a dead letter in the national banking laws.

He has introduced a bill providing that when a bank fails and a receiver is appointed by the Controller of the currency such receiver shall be required to report at the end of his first six months of service to the District Court all moneys received by him; also a complete statement of moneys paid out, to whom paid and for what purpose.

The bill further provides that any persons interested in the bank in question may take exceptions to the account within 30 days after filing. Under the present law receivers of national banks make their reports annually to the Controller; and stockholders, officers or depositors of the bank are unable to get any light on the workings of the receivership.

Congressman Crane may or may not have had in mind the experience of the Greene county people with the Farmers & Drivers National Bank, whose destiny proved so disastrous under political management, nevertheless it is plain that his bill is reasonable and proper.

It should be enacted into a law.

The United Mine Workers after a heated debate adopted the initiative, the referendum and the recall as a part of their Constitution, and at the same time they provided for biennial elections. The recall and the referendum would do little good together in unity. There are a number of ambitions outside the ple counter that would like to get behind it. The recall will probably become one of the heaviest factors in the organization.

The Young Men's Christian Association funds are coming in briskly. Spirit is not yet dead in Connelville.

Senator Penrose proposes to investigate the Democratic Perpetual Steel Bill in a perfectly horizontal manner. In other words, on the level, not obliquely but far enough to find out its weaknesses and its wisdom, if it possesses any of the latter quality.

The Manchu dynasty is on the run, and Rockefeller's republican government seems to have come to stay in China. It's all right.

The Court House at Uniontown is now entirely on a salary basis, provided the salary is not in excess of \$10,000.

The open grate continues to claim its toll of innocent children. Wire screens do not weigh heavily against the lives of the little tots.

Judge Hurlington is being boosted for a place on the United States Supreme Bench. He would be a credit to his State and a joy to Western Pennsylvania.

The Western Maryland is getting the truck laid between Connelville and Cumberland and will soon have the rails connected, save perhaps through the Savage mountain tunnel. This will be the final link. The Western Maryland cannot omit the completion of the Savage mountain tunnel and the latter company constructed its line between Connelville and Cumberland, and in the interim between the top of the Savage mountain and the completion of the Savage mountain tunnel ran trains right over the crest of the mountain. The trains were not very big nor very fast, but they were powerful, but they got over all right.

Between firing up the lockup, guarding the solitary prisoners, and receiving the latest batch, South Connelville's law policeman is kept quite busy.

The members of the Davidson First Aid and Mine Rescue Team have received their deserved decorations. Connelville is not only the center of the coke region, but it is also the center of intelligent mining operations.

L. O. laborers get a raise without a demand. This is the sort of treatment that inspires labor with faith in its employers.

The weather and the business revival has very sensibly diminished the idle railroad cars in the city, and what is more encouraging is the fact that the railroads expect still further demands upon their transportation facilities and have ordered large numbers of new freight cars. When Big Road news comes that trade is expanding trade usually expands.

South Connelville borough is making a noble effort to spend its \$1,500 fund.

The garbage company has opened its office in Connelville. Let us hope it will soon open a garbage furnace.

The Klondike has no red Indians with tomahawks, but it has some Roman maids with hatchets quite as deadly.

The Cheat river will have a railroad as well as a dam. The development of the Cheat was a long time coming, but it is coming with something of a rush in strict accordance with Cheat river style.

West Newton has declared war on the L. O. for attempting to close one of the streets of the town. The company planted its outposts, but the borough plucked them out and threw them into the raging Yough. West Newton is not without spirit if she does lack license.

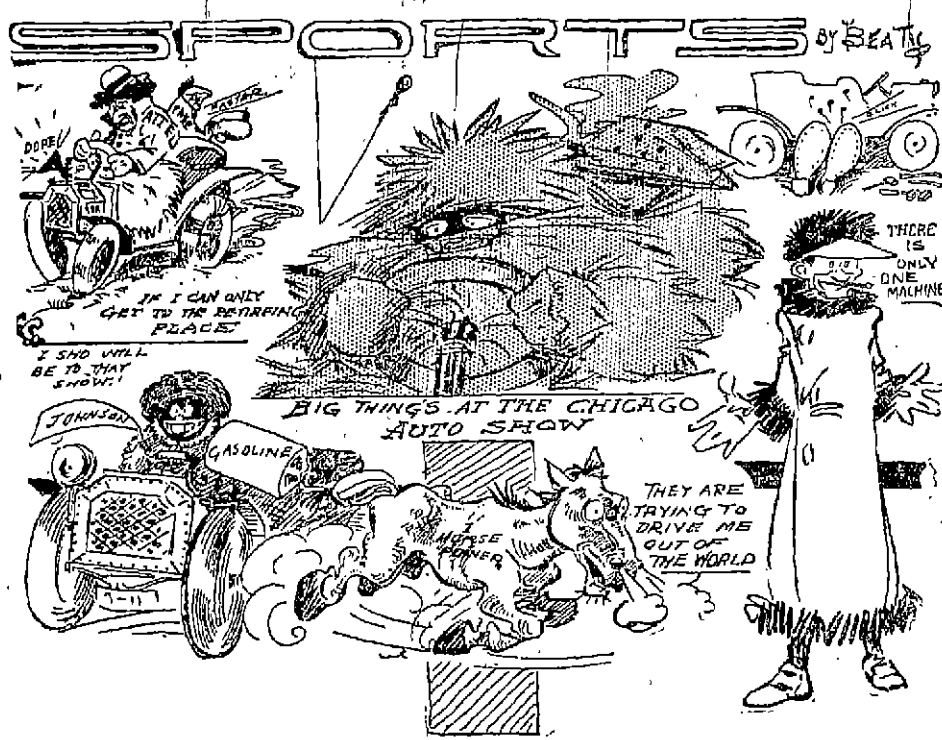
The chestnut bug is closing in upon us. It has been located in South Connelville. We tremble for some of the topics that have been thrust upon the patient and long-suffering people of Connelville.

"Taxes or full" is the ultimatum of Collector Norton, and a number of sensible citizens are dodging the tail of the ultimatum.

England's death duty is so high that none but poor people can afford to die.

When work gets short in the Canal Zone, they take a census.

Off for the Automobile Show



JOHN MILTON.

By Isaac of Yukon.

John Milton was a blind man who made his living by writing poetry instead of making baskets and brooms. Perhaps he could have made more money by playing the violin for a small country dance, but the market for dry, hard-onkish poetry in his days was better than flute music.

Milton's Paradise Lost is an extra long piece of literary nonsense. It occupies the same place in literature as a Shanghai rooster does in a poultry show. Some blind shows are complete without the all Shanghai and many libraries are complete without Paradise Lost.

No one knows how dry Milton's poetry is until they begin reading it. Not only is all of his poetry dry but so is it has a peculiar green taint on it. This is attributed to the fact that Milton was a liverate cheese.

Milton had very few competitors in his line of business. In other words, he had the entire field to himself. If he were living today, his kindred poetry would not be worth the value of a second-hand bicycle. He could be sent to a poetry hospital to have his appendices removed and otherwise fixed.

It is a pity that Milton was blind. He had been able to see he might have become a successful bricklayer, a plumber, a scientific bartender or a very practical distiller. He could have made himself useful to the community and could have gained into politics as an end of his life's work.

John Milton never knew his "Lament" and his "Regained" would make him famous. He was honest in his work and in well-said words. He worked just as the man worked who made Milwaukee famous. Any town can be made famous if the right kind of steam is used. It was not a hard of Trade or a business Men's Association that made Milwaukee famous.

John Milton did not make a blurt at giving his millions of poetic wealth away in the end of his life. He did not say "Towm Connelville: I will give you \$50,000 worth of poetry for a free pound if you hand your town to keep it going perpetually." He was not ashamed of his poetic wealth to such an extent that he tried to give it away.

Milton was never appointed Solicitor at a \$100 per year for any act of County Commissioners.

FEWER PAPERS IN 1912.

American Newspaper Annual Shows Pulling Off in Decline.

That there are fewer newspapers in the United States than there were a year ago is revealed by figures presented in the American Newspaper Annual for 1912. A year ago the number of daily papers was 2,222. The 1912 annual lists 2,155. New England has lost 4 dailies, New York 4, the middle west 6 and the western states 15. There were gains in the southern and middle Atlantic sections.

Weekly and semi-weekly newspapers are also fewer in number. The 1912 annual names 24,229 weeklies, 10 less than in 1911, and 1,000 tri-weeklies, an increase with 617 in 1911.

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Abe Martin



Speakin' o' th' stage, Tel Blintley says he likes th' play th' bout it. Kind where the kids a pale out to th' snow an' then all set down a real turkey dinner with rubber celery. Wouldn't it be funny to hear a farmer say, "Oh, I can't complain."

Classified Advertisements

Wanted.

WANTED—BOARDERS, 615 EIGHTH STREET. 30c/night.

WANTED—CHAMBERMAID. Inquire BALTIMORE HOUSE. 20c/night.

WANTED—AN EXPERIENCED machinist. Give reference. Reply at once to H. B. City Courier. 20c/night.

For Rent.

FOR RENT—ROOM LUTEL. Inquire 100 MAIN STREET, second floor. 20c/night.

FOR RENT—FIVE ROOM HOUSE on Edinboro avenue. Call 212 TRUST. 20c/night.

FOR RENT—FURNISHED ROOMS for light housekeeping. 502 CRAWFORD AVENUE. 20c/night.

FOR RENT—SIX ROOM HOUSE with bath. Inquire BOYTS, PORTER AND COMPANY. 20c/night.

FOR RENT—FIVE ROOM COTTAGE. Inquire 208 S. PITTSBURGH STREET. 20c/night.

FOR RENT—FURNISHED ROOMS for light housekeeping. 602 HACE STREET. 20c/night.

FOR RENT—6 ROOM MODERN house. \$10 per month. Apply 255 E. FAIRVIEW AVENUE. 20c/night.

FOR RENT—6 ROOM HOUSE in South Arch street, opposite J. & O. shops. Inquire 211 SOUTH PERSPECTIVE STREET. 20c/night.

FOR RENT—FIVE ROOM HOUSE. Inquire 100 MAIN STREET, second floor. 20c/night.

FOR RENT—SIX ROOM HOUSE, with bath. One block from street car line. Good neighborhood. Apply CHAS. SUTHERSON, 122 North Sixth Street, West Side. 20c/night.

For Sale.

FOR SALE—ADVERTISING SPACE in this paper. Ask for rates. 20c/night.

FOR SALE—MILKIN—MAYDA Lemo. WHEELS—MILKIN—MAYDA Lemo. 20c/night.

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Freckles, a plucky wulf who guards the Lumberlost timber losses and dreams of angels.

The Swamp Angel, in whom Freckles' sweetest dream materializes.

McLean, a member of a lumber company, who befriends Freckles.

Mrs. Duncan, who gives mother love and a home to Freckles.

Duncan, head teamster of McLean's lumber gang.

The Bird Woman, who is collecting camera studies of birds for a book.

Lord and Lady O'More, who come from Ireland in quest of a lost relative.

The Man of Affairs, brusque of manner, but big of heart.

Wessner, a timber thief who wants rascally made easy.

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CHAPTER I.

THE LUMBERLOST QUARD.

FRECKLES came down the corridor that crosses the lower end of the Lumberlost. At a glance he could have been mistaken for a tramp, but he was intensely eager to belong somewhere and to be attached to almost any sort of enterprise that would furnish him food and clothing.

Long before he came in sight of the camp of the Grand Rapids Lumber company, he could hear the cheerful voices of the men and the neighing of the horses, and could scent the tempting odors of cooking food. A feeling of homeless friendliness swept over him. He turned into the newly made road and followed it to the camp.

The men were loudly calling back and forth as they subsannied their horses that fell into attitudes of rest and crunched, in deep content, the grain given them. As he wiped the danks of his big hairy hands with his papaw leaves, Duncan, the bravest Scotch hand teamster, softly whistled, "Oh, who will be my dorie, Oh!" and a cricket under the leaves at his feet accompanied him. Wreathing tongues of flame wrapped about the black kettle, and when the cook lifted the lids gushes of savory odors escaped.

Freckles approached him, "I want to speak to the boss," he said.

The cook glanced him over and answered carelessly, "He can't see you."

The color flooded Freckles' face, but he said simply, "If you will be having the goodness to point him out you will give him a chance to do his own talking."

With a shrug of astonishment, the cook led the way to a broad, square shouldered man. "Mr. McLean, here's another man wanting to be taken on the gang, I suppose," he said.

"All right," came the cheery answer. "I never needed a good man more than I do just now."

"No use of your bothering with this fellow," volunteered the cook. "He has but one hand."

The dish on Freckles' face burned deeper. His lips thinned to a mere line. He lifted his shoulders, took a step forward, and thrust out his right arm, from which the sleeve dangled empty at the wrist.

"That will do, boys," came the voice of the boss sharply. "I will interview my man when I have finished this report."

Freckles stood one instant as he had braced himself to meet the eyes of the manager, then his arm dropped and a wave of whiteness swept over him.

The boss had not even turned his head to see the deformity pealed out to him. He had used the possessive, "my man," when he talked the hungry heart of Freckles' want reaching out after him. The boy drew a quivering breath. Then he whipped off his old hat and beat the dust from its brim.

With his left hand he caught

the right sleeve, wiped his sweaty forehead, and straightened his back with his fingers. He brogue a spray of ironwort beside him and used the purple blossoms to bent the dust from his shoulders and limbs.

McLean was a Scotsman. The men of his camp had never known him to be in a hurry or to lose his temper. Discipline was inflexible, but the boss always was kind. He shared camp life with his gangs. The only visible signs of his great wealth consisted of a big shimmering diamond stone of ice and fire that glittered and burned on one of his fingers and the dainty, beautiful, thoroughbred mare he rode.

No man of McLean's gangs could honestly say that he had ever been overdriven or underpaid. They all knew that up in the great timber city several millions stood to his credit.

He was the only son of that McLean who had sent out the finest ships ever built in Scotland. That his son should carry on this business after his death had been the father's ambition.

He took the boy through Edinburgh university and Oxford and allowed him several years' travel.

Then he was ordered through southern Canada and Michigan to purchase a consignment of tall, straight timber for his mills and down into Indiana for oak beams. The young man entered these mighty forests, parts of which still lay untouched since the dawn of the morning of time. The intense silence, like that of a great empty cathedral, fascinated him. He gradually learned that to the shy wood creature that darted across his path or peeped furtively from leafy ambush he was brother. He found himself approaching, with a feeling of reverence, those majestic trees that had stood through ages of sun, wind and snow. Soon it became a difficult thing to tell them. When he had filled his order and returned home he was amazed to find that in the swamps and forests he had lost his heart, and it was calling, forever calling him.

When he inherited his father's property he promptly disposed of it and, with his mother, founded a home in a splendid residence in the outskirts of Grand Rapids. With three partners he organized a lumber company. His work was to purchase, fell and ship the timber to the mills. Marshall managed the milling process and passed the timber on to the factory. From the lumber yard he made beautiful and useful furniture, which Updegrave scattered all over the world from a big wholesale house.

McLean faced a young man, still under twenty, tall, spare, heavily fringed with thick freckles and red hair, with a homely Irish face, but in the steady gray eyes, straightly meeting his searching ones of blue, there were answering candor and a look of longing not to be ignored.

"What are you looking for work?" questioned McLean.

"Yes," answered Freckles. "I am very sorry," said the boss, "but there is only one man I want at present—a good, big fellow with a stout heart and a strong body. I hoped that you would do, but I am afraid you are too young and hardly strong enough."

"And what was it you thought I might be doing?" asked Freckles.

The boss could scarcely repress a start. Somewhere back of accident and poverty had been an ancestor who used cultivated English, even with an accent. The boy spoke in a mellow Irish voice, sweet and pure. It was scarcely defensible enough to be called brogue, yet there was a trick in the turning of the sentence, the wrong sound of a letter here and there, that was almost irresistible to McLean.

He was of foreign birth, and, despite years of attention, in times of strong feeling he fell into inherited sins of accent and construction.

"It's no child's job," answered McLean. "It's the field work of a lumber company. No have just leased 2,000 acres of the Lumberlost. Many of these trees are of great value. We can't leave our camp, six miles south, for almost a year yet, so we have leased a tract and strung barbed wire securely about the extent of this lease. Before we return to our work I want put this Lumberlost lease in the hands of a reliable, brave, strong man who will guard it every hour of the day and sleep with one eye open at night. I should require the entire length of the trail to be watched at least twice every day, to make sure that our lines were up and no one had been trespassing."

"But why wouldn't that be the finest job in the world for me?" pleaded Freckles. "I am never sick. I could walk the trail twice, three times every day, and I'd be watching sharp all the while."

"It's because you are little more than a boy, and this will be a trying job for a work hardened man," answered McLean. "You would be afraid. In stretching your lines we killed six rattlesnakes almost as long as your body and as thick as your arm. You would always be alone, and the Lumberlost is alive with sounds and voices. I don't pretend to say what all of them come from, but from a few slinking forms I've seen and hair raising yells I've heard I'd rather not confront

their owners myself, and I am neither weak nor fearful.

"Worst of all, any man who will enter the swamp to mark and steal timber is a desperate fellow. One of my employees, the south camp, John Ooster, compelled me to discharge him for a number of serious reasons. He entered the swamp alone and marked a number of valuable trees that he was endeavoring to sell to our rival company when we secured the lease. He has sworn to have those trees if he has to die or to kill others to get them."

"But if he came to steal trees wouldn't he bring teams and men enough, that all any man could do would be to watch and be after you?" queried the boy.

"Yes," replied McLean.

"Then why couldn't I be watching just as closely and coming as fast as an older, stronger man?"

"Why, by George, you could!" exclaimed McLean. "I don't know that the size of a man would be half so important as his great and faithfulness. What is your name?"

Freckles gave a shade whiter, but his eyes never faltered.

"Freckles," he said.

"Good enough for every day," laughed McLean, "but I can scarcely put Freckles on the company's books."

"I haven't any name," replied the boy.

"I don't understand," said McLean. "I was thinking from the voice and the face of you that you wouldn't."

"Does it seem to you that any one would take a newborn baby and row over it until it was bruised black, cut off its hand and leave it out in a bitter night on the steps of a charity home to the care of strangers? That's what somebody did to me."

"The home people took me in, and I was there the first legal age and several years over. They could always find homes for the rest of the children, but nobody would ever be wanting me on account of my arm."

"Were they kind to you?" asked McLean.

"I don't know," answered Freckles. The reply sounded so honest even to his own ears that he hesitated to qualify it by adding: "You see, it's like this, Mr. Kindnesses that people are paid to lay off in job lots and that belong equally to several hundred others didn't go to be senting into any one fellow much."

"Go on," said McLean.

"There's nothing worth the taking of your time to tell," replied Freckles. "The home was in Chicago, and I was there all my life up to three months ago. When I was too little for the training they gave to the little children they sent me out to the great west, as long as the law would let them, but I was never like any of the other children, and they all knew it. I'd go and come like a prisoner and be working about the home early and late for my board and clothes I always wanted to lead a night life, but I was glad when that was over."

"Then a new superintendent sent me down in the state to a man he said he knew that needed a boy. He wasn't for remembering to tell that man that I was a hand and a foot, and he knocked me down. Between noon and one, he was crying and his son, about my age, had me in pretty much the same shape in which I was found in the beginning, so I lay awake that night and ran away. I'd like to have squared me account with that boy before I left, but I didn't dare to do anything but the old man, and I knew I couldn't handle the two of them, but I'm hoping to meet him alone some day before I do."

McLean liked the boy all the better for this confession.

"I didn't even have to steal clothes to get rid of anything but a horse or ones," Freckles went on, "for they had already taken all my clean, neat things for the boy and put me into his rag, and that went almost as sore as the beatings, for where I was we were always kept tidy and sweet smelling anyway. I hustled clear into this state before I learned that man couldn't have kept me if he had wanted to. I commenced hunting work, but it is with everybody else just as it is with you, Mr. Big, strong, whole man; are the only ones for being strong."

"I have been studying over this matter," answered McLean. "I am not so sure but that a man no older than you and like you in every way could do this work very well if he were not a coward."

"If you will give me a job where I can earn my own money, and I can go to sleep," said Freckles, "I can have a place to work for like other men, and a place I feel I've a right to I will do what you tell me or die trying."

He said it so quietly and convincingly that McLean found himself answering: "I will enter you on my payroll. We'll have supper, and then I will provide you with clean clothing, wading boots, wire mending apparatus and a revolver. The first thing in the morning I will take you over the trail myself. All I ask of you is to come to me at once at the south camp and tell me like a man if you find this job too hard for you. It is work that few men would perform faithfully. What name shall I put down?"

Freckles' eyes never left McLean's face, and the boss saw the swift spasm of pain that swept his lonely, sensitive face.

"I haven't any name," he said stubbornly, "no more than one somebody clapped on to me when they put me on the home books, with not the thought or care they'd named a house cat. What they called me is no more my name than the name of a dog. I don't know what mine is, and I never will. But I am going to be your man and do your work, and I'll be glad to answer to any name you choose to call me. Won't you please be giving me a name, Mr. McLean?"

The boss looked at him abruptly and began steepling his hands. In a voice harsh with business he spoke.

"I will tell you what we will do, my lad," he said. "My father was my ideal man, and I loved him better than



any other I have ever known. He went out every day. If I give to you the name of my nearest kin and the man I loved best—will that do?"

Freckles' rigid attitude relaxed. His head drooped, and tears splashed down on the soiled calico shirt.

"All right," said McLean. "I will write it on the roll—James Ross McLean."

"Thank you mightily," said Freckles. "That makes me feel almost as if I belonged already."

Freckles' heart and soul were singing for joy.

CHAPTER II.

FRECKLES' PROUD IDEAL METAL.

NEXT morning the boss showed Freckles around the timber line and engaged him board with his head teamster, Duncan, whom he had brought from Scotland and who lived in a small clearing he was working out between the swamp and the corduroy. When the first snow came for the south camp Freckles was left to guard a fortune in the Lumberlost. That he was under guard himself those first weeks he never knew.

Every hour was torture to the boy. The restricted life of a great city or a life of the open air, the life of the world from the Lumberlost. He was afraid for his life every minute. He cut a stout hickory cudgel, with a knot on the end as big as his fist, and it never left his hand. What he thought in those first days he himself could not clearly recall afterwards.

His first step was to see the beautiful marsh across from a slumbering against the play of the wind, as McLean had told him it would. He belted a light rifle with his first boom of the blizzard, and his hat fell off. He ran to the shelter of the woods. He saw a shadowy form following him and blazed away with his revolver. Then he was frightened worse than ever for fear it might have been Duncan's collar.

The first afternoon that he found his feet down, and he was compelled to plunge deep into the blizzard. He was so cold that he could scarcely control his shivering hand to do the work. With every step he felt that he would miss secure footing and be swallowed up in that clinging sea of blackness. In dumb agony he plunged along, clutching the post and trees. He had consumed much time. Night closed in. The Lumberlost stirred gently, then shook itself, growled and awoke about him.

There seemed to be a great evil haunting from every hollow tree and a little one scurrying from every bush. He thought of the blizzard, the blizzard, the blizzard, and he was so cold that he could scarcely control his shivering hand to do the work. With every step he felt that he would miss secure footing and be swallowed up in that clinging sea of blackness. In dumb agony he plunged along, clutching the post and trees. He had consumed much time. Night closed in. The Lumberlost stirred gently, then shook itself, growled and awoke about him.

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Information As to When the White Sale Will Start

For the past two weeks the answer as to when our White Sale will start has been eagerly waited for. We wish to take this opportunity to offer an explanation for the delay of this important event, and also give the exact date of this all-eclipsing White Sale. We are about to close the biggest fall and winter season in our history, hence we have a large quantity of accumulated odds and ends, as it is our policy to clean up every dollar's worth of goods in the season it was intended for, and also desire to have all possible space for the display of the hundreds of garments, thousands of yards of embroidery, linens and kindred lines, that are specially purchased for this sale, we are obliged to delay this important event until February 8, by that time we hope to have accomplished our aim of having disposed of every dollar's worth of seasonable goods now on hand, and to be able to devote our entire energy and space to be remembered. White Sale. Another very important reason is the delay in the transit of four large shipments of undermuslins containing some of the best bargains that are to be placed on sale, these shipments contain:

50c Gowns that will be sold at 29c
50c Corset Covers will be sold at 29c
\$1.50 White Skirts will be sold at 79c
15c and 25c Embroideries to go at 10c

It also contains other bargains equally as good. We also wish to take this opportunity to say that we sincerely hope that the women of Conneltsville will be wise enough to look ahead and wait until Thursday, February 8th, and then anticipate their wants for the entire spring season to come, as we promise this to be the most interesting sale of white that has ever been known in Fayette county.

See our ad on Page 2 for our great odds and end sale.

KOBACKER'S

THE WOMAN'S STORE

was gradually developing the fearlessness that men ever acquire of dangers to which they are hourly accustomed.

His heart seemed to be in his mouth when his first rattler disputed the trail with him, but he mustered courage and let drive at it with his club.

After his head had been crushed he set off his rattler to show Duncan. With the mastery of his first snake his greatest fear of them was gone.

Then he began to realize that with the abundance of food in the swamp flesh hunters would not come out on the trail and attack him, and he had his revolver for defense if they did.

He soon learned to laugh at the dogs, birds that made horrible noises. One day watching from behind a tree he saw a crane solemnly performing a few measures of a bearded ballet.

Singing and dancing with his mate. Recalling that it was intended to tender him, no matter how it appeared, the lonely, starved boy of the boy went out to them in sympathy.

When day after day the only thing that relieved his utter loneliness was the companionship of the birds and the life of the swamp Freckles turned to soon for freedom. He began by instinctively perceiving the weak and helpless. He was astonished at the quickness with which they became accustomed to him once they learned that he was not a hunter and that the club he carried was used more frequently for their food than his own.

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COURT SESSION IN SOMERSET COUNTY

Judge Ruppel, on the Bench, Hands Down Orders and Opinions.

BANK CLERK RELEASED FROM JAIL

Rudolph Binder, employed in M. F. Korath's Sewing Machine Bank, has been released from jail. The preliminary injunction restraining him from leaving the county has been dissolved.

Special to The Courier. SOMERSET, Feb. 1.—On Monday Judge Ruppel released Rudolph Binder from jail, the defendant entering his own recognizance in the sum of \$500. Binder has been held in custody in connection with the closing of the foreign bank at Seap Level conducted by M. F. Korath, he having been employed as Korath's clerk. Binder has accepted a clerkship in the office of Attorney Ross R. Scott and will remain in Somerset indefinitely.

Judge Ruppel has also continued the preliminary injunction restraining Samuel Duppstadt from interfering with a pipe line belonging to final hearing. This action was agreed to by counsel on both sides of the case.

The court has granted a charter to the Patriotic Order Sons of America at Meyersdale, for the incorporation of a cemetery association at that place. The petition for the same was presented by Attorney Ross R. Scott.

Attorney Harvey M. Berkeley petitioned the court to sell two lots of ground in Meyersdale, as assignee of Samuel D. Livensood, who was President of the Farmers' Bank at that place, which has been defunct for five years. The money to be realized from the sale of the lots will be applied to the fund for a second distribution among creditors. It is said, Louis Miltenberger Hammer on Monday filed notice with the court that she will take depositions in her lawsuit against Laura O'Connor, Harry W. Keller, Annand O'Connor and Sarah O'Connor. She desires the testimony of John Croyle, of Johnstown, who is confined to his home by illness which will prevent his attendance as a witness. The Hammer woman claims the defendants and their employees back in 1909 wrongfully entered upon her half-acre farm in Conemaugh township, making great noise and disturbances for periods as long as ten hours while engaged in digging 25 post holes and destroying 20 cords of fence, for which alleged damage the plaintiff claims \$300. The case is set for trial during the second week of civil court which will commence February 12.

BANK REPORT

Congressman Craig Wants Public to Have Light on Receiverships.

Representative Thomas S. Craig of Waynesburg yesterday introduced a bill providing that receivers for national banks shall file with the clerks of the United States District Courts for the districts in which the banks are located, within six months after the beginning of the receivership and annually thereafter, a public report showing all their receipts and disbursements as such receivers. It is provided in the bill that exceptions may be filed to the expenditures of the receivers and that the district courts may hear and pass upon such exceptions. At present in the case of receiverships for national banks, the report is required of the receiver except to the Comptroller of the Currency, and the information contained in this report is not open to the public. Representative Craig's bill is that the stockholders and depositors in a bank which is in receivership are entitled to know how the affairs of the receiver are being managed, and in short, how the affairs of the institution are being managed.

ITCHING HUMORS

THERE IS NOW A WAY TO ESCAPE THESE SKIN TROUBLES.

Try This Remedy at Our Risk. People sometimes say, "Well, that new remedy of yours, Saxon Salve, may cure recent cases of eczema, but I doubt if it will help me for I have had eczema a long time."

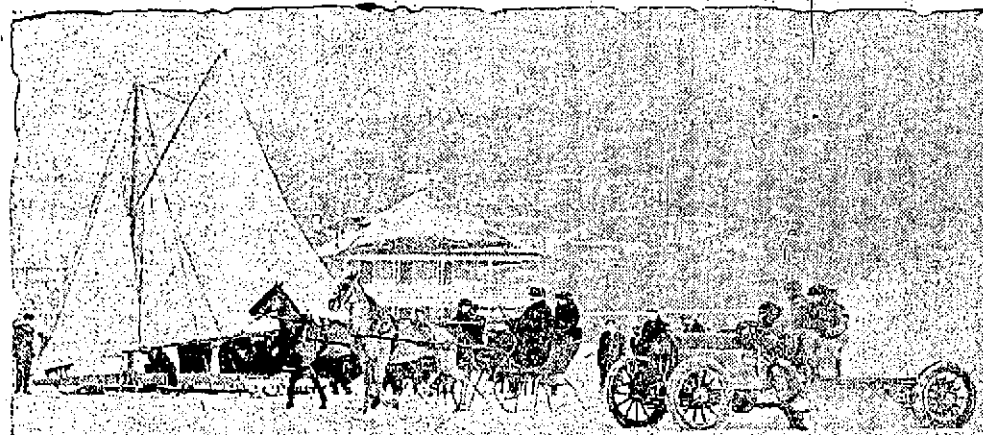
The fact is, Saxon Salve was devised as much for chronic skin troubles as for acute cases, and it is equally effective, though usually the chronic cases are more stubborn. Numbers of cases right around here could be cited, showing that Saxon Salve is exactly the remarkable soothing and curative remedy for skin diseases that we claim.

The treatment is stopped in a few moments after the first application, and improvement is seen in a few days. All humors are cleared out of the skin, whether scaly, crusty or in the very first stages, usually yield to Saxon Salve promptly. If it does not, in your case your money is returned. Graham & Company, Drugists, Connellsville, Pa.

For Government Ownership. WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Government ownership of all railroads, telegraph, telephone and express facilities discussed in interstate commerce is provided in a bill introduced today by Rogers, chief of Wisconsin. Provisions by authorized condemnation of the property by an expert commissioner is provided with an issue of government bonds to exchange for the corporation securities.

Dedicate New School. The new Brownsville township school building was dedicated yesterday. County Superintendent C. Gregg Lowrey made the principal address. Other speakers were George L. Moore and Roy C. B. Harmon of Brownsville. The building cost \$22,000.

Trotter, Pacer, Ice Yacht and Auto Have Trial of Speed On the Ice, and Craft Propelled by Wind is Winner



READY FOR THE START



GOING A MILE A MINUTE

(COURTESY OF THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION)

JAWNS GET PEEVISH OVER KAPITAN KIDDO DARK'S PLAY

They Didn't Like the Methods He Used to Stop "Dutch" Wolfarth.

LAST NIGHT'S SCORES. Johnstown 53; Connellsville 37.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS. Johnstown . . . 37 . 1 . 150. Uniontown . . . 32 . 12 . 121. Connellsville . . . 23 . 23 . 100. Charleroi . . . 20 . 23 . 146. South Side . . . 18 . 27 . 100.

GAMES THIS WEEK. TONIGHT. Charleroi at Uniontown. Friday. South Side at Connellsville. Saturday. Johnstown at Charleroi.

The Jawsns got peevish at Kapitän KidDO Dark's play last night when he tried to stop "Dutch" Wolfarth from scoring and succeeded pretty well. Aside from that there wasn't much to the game, which ended 53-37 in favor of the Jawsns. Being played at Johnstown, this outcome was inevitable.

Josh Lingus did the heavy work for the Colours, with five field goals. Kummer and Cunningham had three each. Plummer Doherty was out of the game and Pomeroy went wild, getting seven baskets. Wolfarth was forced to retire and Mayhew took his place. The lineup: Johnstown (58): Cunningham (37) Newman . . . forward . . . Kummer . . . forward . . . Dark . . . center . . . Cunningham . . . guard . . . Epoff . . . guard . . . Beggs . . . substitution—Mayhew for Wolfarth.

Field goals—Newman 5; Pomeroy 7; Kummer 3; Wolfarth 2; Kinkade 2; Mayhew 2; Dark 2; Beggs 5; Cunningham 3; Kummer 3. Pomeroy 18 out of 22. Referee—Rouch.

INDEPENDENTS TO PLAY.

They Have Game With Scottdale Schoolastics Wednesday.

As a preliminary to the Connellsville-Charleroi game on Wednesday, February 7, the Connellsville Independents will play the Scottdale Schoolastics. This is a return game. A short time ago the locals went to Scottdale and beat the Scottdale team by a close score.

Scottdale up to that time claimed the championship of Fayette, Westmoreland and Allegheny counties. Since that time they have beaten Braddock High School, one of the fastest teams in this part of the state. This is the first preliminary that has been played this year with an out of town team.

Took Tumble With Prince. BERLIN, Germany, Jan. 31.—Miss Nancy Leishman, daughter of J. A. Leishman, American ambassador to Germany, is under care of a physician today and will be unable to attend the grand court ball given tonight by Kaiser Wilhelm. While dancing with Prince Frederick Leopold, Miss Leishman fell, wrenching her shoulder severely.

Deputy Sheriff Missing. J. W. Core, a deputy sheriff and a hotel proprietor at Saberton, W. Va., disappeared from his home last Monday morning and has not been seen or heard from since.

"Alm, Where Do You Live?" Joe Wolter's big musical success comes to the Soisson Theatre Monday, February 5. Seat sale opens today.

BETTER FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN THAN CASTOR OIL. SALTS, OR PILLS, AS IT SWEETENS AND CLEANSES THE SYSTEM MORE EFFICIENTLY AND IS FAR MORE PLEASANT TO TAKE.

SYRUP OF FIGS and ELIXIR OF SENNA

IS THE IDEAL FAMILY LAXATIVE, AS IT GIVES SATISFACTION TO ALL, IS ALWAYS BENEFICIAL IN ITS EFFECTS AND PERFECTLY SAFE AT ALL TIMES.

NOTE THE NAME. CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. in the Circle, on every Package of the Genuine.

ALL RELIABLE DRUGGISTS SELL THE ORIGINAL AND GENUINE WHEN CALLED FOR, ALTHOUGH THEY COULD MAKE A LARGER PROFIT BY SELLING INFERIOR PREPARATIONS, YET THEY PREFER TO SELL THE GENUINE BECAUSE IT IS RIGHT TO DO SO AND FOR THE GOOD OF THEIR CUSTOMERS. WHEN IN NEED OF MEDICINES, SUCH DRUGGISTS ARE THE ONES TO DEAL WITH, AS YOUR LIFE OR HEALTH MAY AT SOME TIME DEPEND UPON THEIR SKILL AND RELIABILITY.

WHEN BUYING Note the Full Name of the Company CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. PRINTED STRAIGHT ACROSS NEAR THE BOTTOM, AND IN THE CIRCLE, NEAR THE TOP OF EVERY PACKAGE OF THE GENUINE. ONE SIZE ONLY, FOR SALE BY ALL LEADING DRUGGISTS. REGULAR PRICE 50c PER BOTTLE.

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CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.

Basketball Tomorrow Night

Connellsville vs. South Side

TICKETS 25, 50, 75 (Scottdale, Brooke's Drug Store Dawson, Gruen's Drug Store Connellsville, Graham's Drug Store)

GAME STARTS AT 8:45 O'CLOCK

Next Game Wednesday Night with Charleroi

Good and True

Safe and reliable—for regulating the bowels, stimulating the liver, toning the stomach—the world's most famous and most approved family remedy is

BEECHAM'S PILLS

Sold everywhere. In boxes 10c, 25c.

READ THE DAILY COURIER.

SIZE UP OPPONENTS.

Local Basketball Team "Take" Scouting Trip to Meyersdale.

Bert Ritchie and Milton Blaisop of town are going to Meyersdale tomorrow night to size up the Uniontown Independents-Broadway A. C. team. The Connellsville Independents play at Meyersdale February 22 and the locals are anxious to take over the Broadway team.

The Independents were scheduled to play at West Newton against the Scholastic team of that place but the West Newton manager canceled yesterday.

Read the first installment of new Serial Story, "Freakies," in this issue.

If the Cost of Living

is too high—lessen it. The Wright-Metzler underprice grocery service offers the way—and a perfectly safe way, because

Wright-Metzler Foods Are Pure Foods Underpriced

Keep so at all times, not by mere say-so, but by absolute proof—to all who investigate. And Wright-Metzler full weights help a great deal. Conducting a grocery business costs money—especially if a store starts out to do it a little better than other stores—and with superior goods. There are more expenses than merely paying for the goods on the shelves—yet here those incidental expenses are so divided with nine other good departments that the buyer of food stuffs bears none of them. About the best thing to do is to learn the Wright-Metzler store, and gratify your desire for the best food stuffs without that expenditure you must pay elsewhere, but with the certainty that what you buy here is pure.

3 Cans Choice Lemon Cling Peaches, Worth 75c, for 50c

Absolutely the highest quality California fruit, carefully selected and nearly of one size, packed in heavy syrup.

25c Will Buy

3 Cans Lye Hominy
3 Cans Good Corn
3 Cans Baked Beans
3 Cans Pand Lily Beans
3 Cans Table Syrup
7 Cans Peaches Milk
6 Cans Silver Corn Milk
3 Cans Pink Salmon
1 lb. Arbuckle's Coffee
3 Cans Good Peas
3 Cans Beef Soup
7 Cakes Lemon Soup

Use Crisco—Save Butter and Lard

Crisco is a vegetable product and can be heated to a higher temperature than butter or lard. The outside of food cooks instantly, forming a crisp crust which admits no grease. Crisco absorbs no odors, it requires less quantity than butter or lard and it can be used over and over again. Buy a can and secure a little booklet that explains all the uses for Crisco. Large can 25c.

1 Jar Choice Orange Marmalade for 18c

50 lb. sack Gold Medal, Cornerstone or Laurel Flour . . . \$1.65
25 lbs. Pure Cane Granulated Sugar in cloth . . . \$1.50
5 lb. Pail Zoller's Carefully Randered Lard . . . 60c
Gudahy's Choice, Sweet Hams, varying weight, lb. . . 14c
Fancy Breakfast Bacon—plentifully lean, lb. . . 18c
Best Creamery Butter, full weight, lb. . . 43c
Strictly Fresh Eggs—none from storage, dozen . . . 38c
One Pound Full Roasted, Clean, Loose Coffee . . . 23c

Heinz high grade Mine Meat, lb. . . 15c
3 boxes, full count, Noiseless Matches for . . . 10c

One quart pure, unadulterated Olive Oil, packed in tins at Lucca, Tuscany; for . . . 75c

Buy as much as you want—one item, or a week's supply. Telephone: Bell 5 or Tri-State 535, if it's inconvenient to come to the store.

Basement Specials

On Thursday and Friday, every week, will be advertised useful items for home conveniences from the basement store. Special priced wares will be on sale Friday and Saturday each week. Watch for them. The Basement Store is rapidly filling with new utensils for the kitchen; glass and china for table use and decoration; bath room fixtures and general household utilities. Quality wares—all of them—at fair prices. The leading feature for Friday and Saturday's sale is—

Six Dozen 40c Brooms to Sell for 29c Each

—real broom corn only—no filling with inferior straws—wire bound and properly handled.

White China

French wares for painting:
\$4.75 Dinner Plates, dozen . . . \$3.99
\$4.25 Lunch Plates, dozen . . . \$3.49
\$2.50 10c Plates, dozen . . . \$2.09
\$2.75 10c & 12c Plates, dozen . . . \$2.29
8, 10, 14, 16 inch Platters . . . \$2.25
\$2.25—10 inch, each . . . \$1.98
\$2.75—10 inch, each . . . \$2.49
\$2.00—8 inch, each . . . \$1.69
\$3.50 Coupe Soups, dozen . . . \$2.99
\$2.35 Casseroles, each . . . \$1.79
\$2.35 Covered Dishes, each . . . \$1.79
\$2.19 Desserts, dozen . . . \$1.79
\$2.25 Desserts, dozen . . . \$1.69
\$1.75 Cherry Boat and stand . . . \$1.49
\$1.75 Salad Bowls, each . . . \$1.49
\$1.25 Bakers, each . . . \$1.09
\$1.50 Covered Dishes, each . . . \$1.19
\$1.00 Sippers, each79c
40c Creams, each49c
\$4.75 Tea Cups and Saucers, dozen . . . \$3.99
\$5.50 Coffee Cups and Saucers, dozen . . . \$4.49
\$5.00 Breakfast Cups, dozen . . . \$4.99

Pyro-Lite Ware White Lined Enamel

2 quart \$1.50 quick heating double boilers . . . \$1.39
1 1/2 qt. \$1.35 first quality double boilers . . . \$1.19
8 qt. \$1.10 blue trimmed Berlin Kettles89c
\$1 1/2 qt. also75c
4 qt. 70c white lined Sauce Pans 55c
3 qt. 60c grade49c
90c Collanders69c
17 qt. \$1.10 Dish Pans, perfect, \$1.19
3 qt. \$1.10 Coffee Pots, square handle89c
1 qt. \$1 size79c
2 qt. Percolator Tea Pots, worth \$2.25 for . . . \$1.89
1 qt. 32 value . . . \$1.49
This ware is warranted pure in the composition and all handles and lid attachments are secure.

Paragon Ware All White Lined

Quarrelle coated steel ware made in Germany.
Tea Pots—Coffee Pots
1 1/2 qt. 75c value49c
1 qt. 56c value59c
1 qt. 75c value49c
2 qt. \$1 value79c
Mixing Bowls
25c grade and size17c
30c grade and size20c
35c grade and size25c
40c grade and size29c
50c grade and size33c
Double Boilers
\$1.00—1 1/2 qt. size89c
\$1.25 2-qt. size99c
Berlin Kettles
\$1.00 value, 8 qt. . . .89c
\$2.25 4 qt. . . .69c
Oval Dish Pans
\$1.25 value, 17 qt. . . .99c
\$1.00 value, 15 qt. . . .89c
\$1.35 Pitchers, large,99c

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